

WEEK 4- A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING MIRACLES

Acts 3:1-8, 12-21

1. MIRACLES POINT UPWARD
2. MIRACLES POINT FORWARD
3. MIRACLES POINT INWARD
4. MIRACLES POINT TO THE CROSS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message focused on how to understand miracles. How have you understood the New Testament miracles in the past? What do you think about miracles?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that miracles point upward. They point us to Jesus. Why do you think it's important to focus on Jesus as opposed to only looking at the actual miracle?
4. All the New Testament miracles served to alleviate human suffering in some way. Pastor Ryan explained that these miracles were not allegory, but real events that served to point forward to a time when God would restore all things. How does knowing this change the way that we view the miracles of Jesus and His followers? How does the hope of God restoring all things change the way we view serving others?
5. In what ways can you relate to the beggar in Acts 3?
6. One of the main ideas this week was that miracles point inward, showing us our greatest need. Speaking on this topic, Pastor Ryan said that one ounce of sin can damage us far more than a lifetime of suffering. What are your thoughts on this idea? What are some biblical examples of this idea? Why do you think sin is so damaging?
7. One unique aspect of miracles in the New Testament is that even though they are displays of power they end up leaving the miracle worker more vulnerable. How does this point us to the cross? What are some ways this could change the way we use the influence or power we have in life?